

AF  
ZTW



Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
- Expedited Examining Procedure -  
Examining Group 2612

**MAIL STOP AF**  
82869/KNM  
Customer No. 01333

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

**David A. Novais, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 2612

Examiner: Daniel M. Pasiewicz

**A SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR  
OFFERING IMAGING SERVICES**

Serial No.: 09/918,287

Filed: July 30, 2001

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited today with  
the United States Postal Services as First Class Mail in an envelope  
addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Post Office Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

*Karen J. Wacenske*  
Karen J. Wacenske

DATE: 5-24-06

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL  
REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2006,  
Applicants provide the following remarks for consideration.

Consideration of the remarks after final is proper under 37 C.F.R.  
§1.116 because 1) no amendments are made; 2) no further search or consideration of  
the claims is required; 3) the remarks clarify issues previously presented; 4) the  
remarks address issues newly presented in the final Office Action; and 5) the remarks  
place the application in condition for allowance, or at least in better condition for  
appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry and consideration of the remarks is thus  
respectfully solicited.

The Office Action is indicated to be a final action. However,  
two new rejections, as indicated in the Office Action on page 2, are set forth  
over claims 8-16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). There is no indication in the Office  
Action that the new rejections were necessitated by Applicants' amendments.  
Thus, the finality of the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn. Such  
action is respectfully requested.